



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BULACAN

September 30, 2025

To: Division Chiefs
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary School Heads
All Others Concerned

This Office respectfully draws your attention to DepEd Memorandum CO-EPS No. 08374, s. 2025 dated 10 July 2025, titled **Application for the National Competitive Examination (NCE) 2025 of the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Science High School System (DOST-PSHSS)**. The PSHS System is now accepting applications for the NCE 2025, the official entrance examination to the country's premier network of public science high schools offering full STEM scholarships.

In support of the early identification and encouragement of Grade 6 learners with strong aptitude in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), all public elementary schools are requested to accommodate duly authorized representatives from the PSHS Central Luzon Campus who may visit your schools to (a) conduct brief information sessions, (b) distribute official information materials/reviewers, and (c) guide interested applicants through the NCE application process.

Please observe the following during the visit:

- Protect instructional time. Schedule the activity to avoid class disruption (recommendation: 20–30 minutes per section or a single consolidated briefing).
- Limit scope to information dissemination. No solicitation or fee collection is permitted.
- Verify identity and ensure compliance. Admit only properly identified PSHS personnel/authorized representatives and enforce Child Protection, Data Privacy, and campus security protocols.
- Provide a suitable venue. Make available a classroom, AVR, or guidance office as appropriate, and allow posting on official bulletin boards and school digital channels.

For your reference, the key details of the 2025 NCE are attached.

Kindly widely disseminate this information to Grade 6 learners and their parents/guardians through advisories, homeroom announcements, school social-media pages, and bulletin boards.


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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
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SUBJECT : **APPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (NCE) 2025 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM (DOST-PSHSS)**

DATE : July 10, 2025

The Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Science High School System (DOST-PSHSS) is now accepting applications for the **National Competitive Examination (NCE) 2025**. NCE is the official entrance exam for the PSHS System, which is our country's top network of public science high schools. Students who pass will get a full scholarship and a chance to learn advanced Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

In this regard, the Department of Education enjoins all Regional and Schools Division Offices to actively disseminate and advocate the NCE 2025 to qualified Grade 6 learners from public and private DepEd-recognized elementary schools within their jurisdiction. Early identification and encouragement of learners with aptitude in science and mathematics are crucial to national development and innovation.

Key Details of the 2025 NCE:

- Program : Full STEM scholarship under the PSHS System
- Eligibility : Filipino students currently enrolled in Grade 6 at a DepEd-accredited institution and meeting prescribed qualifications
- Application Period : June 16 to November 7, 2025
- Examination Date : January 31, 2026 (Saturday)
- Online Application Portal: <https://nce.pshs.edu.ph>
- Additional Information : <https://pshs.edu.ph> or through the official PSHS Facebook post:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FfNZfgWPn/>





PSHSS NCE 2025

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

APPLICATION PERIOD

**JUNE 16 TO NOVEMBER 7
2025**

DATE OF EXAM

JANUARY 31, 2026



CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY:

A Grade 6 Elementary pupil from a duly recognized school by the Department of Education who meets the following criteria is eligible to apply for the PSHS National Competitive Examination (NCE.)



HE/SHE MUST:



Final Grade of
85% or better in
Science and Mathematics



Have at least a
Satisfactory on his/her
Character Rating in
report card (SY 2024-2025)

15
Years old

Not be more than
15 years old
by June 30, 2026



Have **not** previously
applied for admission in
PSHS



Filipino Citizen

Note: no pending or approved application
as immigrant to any foreign country



Good health and fit
to undergo a rigorous
academic program



Registration Link: <https://nce.pshs.edu.ph/>